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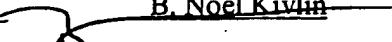
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD
FOR EMULATING
OPERATING SYSTEM
METADATA TO
PROVIDE CROSS-
PLATFORM ACCESS TO
STORAGE VOLUMES

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of November 21, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.